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SUBJECT: LAMIZANA MARKS TIME ON RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 1728

THE SCHEDULE FOR RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE IS SLIPPING. THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION REPORTEDLY COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION ABOUT A MONTH AGO AND SUBMITTED ITS REPORT TO PRESIDENT LAMIZANA. FOR SEVERAL WEEKS THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN WAITING FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF A CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM, BUT THERE HAS BEEN NONE.

2. MEANWHILE, THE RAINY SEASON HAS BEGUN, MAKING COMMUNICATION DIFFICULT IN RURAL AREAS. PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO SPECULATE THAT THE REFERENDUM WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL

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HELD ONLY IN NOVEMBER OR SO, AFTER THE RAINS.

3. THE MAY 27 ISSUE OF "JEUNE AFRIQUE" CONTAINING A COVER-STORY INTERVIEW WITH EX-PRESIDENT MAURICE YAMEOGO WAS SEIZED; THIS SAYS MORE ABOUT THE GOVERNMENTS NERVOUSNESS OVER YAMEOGO THAN ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW, WHICH WAS INNOCUOUS

ENOUGH. PRESIDENT LAMIZANA MAY BE HAVING TROUBLE FINDING A FORMULA THAT WOULD RETURN THE COUNTRY TO OPEN CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES AND YET CONTINUE TO DENY POLITICAL RIGHTS TO YAMEOGO.
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